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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJ: ELF STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH IEG

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10083

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DPA ITEM REQUESTED: QUOTE CAIRO, AUG 22

DPA THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) TODAY ISSUED A  
STATEMENT HERE ANNOUNCING ITS READINESS TO ENTER  
INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE'S  
REGIME'IN ANY NEUTRAL CAPITAL...PROVIDED THE  
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ADMITS THAT THE ELF IS THE  
ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ERITREAN PEOPLE.

(PARA) THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN A STATEMENT BY  
THE ELF OFFICE HERE, DISTRIBUTED BY HAND TO FOREIGN  
NEWS AGENCIES, IN RESPONSE TO THE NEW ETHIOPIAN  
PRIME MINISTER'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEEK A SOLUTION  
TO THE ERITREAN CONFLICT THROUGH DIALOGUE. (PARA)  
THE ELF STATEMENT SAID HOWEVER IT FEARED THIS WILL  
TURN OUT TO BE MERELY A MANEUVER ON THE PART OF  
SELASSIE TO REGAIN HIS WAVERING POWER. (PARA)  
IT SAID IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE SO THEN THE UNITED

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NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE

ARAB LEAGUE SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO ORGANIZE A  
FREE POPULAR REFERENDUM FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN  
ERITREA. UNQUOTE.

2. WILL PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS  
MATTER AS IT IS OBTAINED.  
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